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ON MARCH 16, 1976, RAYMOND MOLINA, A U. S. CITIZEN, WHO TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION IN CUBA, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA: (S)

MOLINA HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING AN INTERVIEW WITH ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL CARLOS ALBERTO DALLA TEA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY ESTADO MAYOR (HIGH COMMAND), WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 14, 1976, IN BUENOS AIRES AT THE HOME OF THE SON OF JORGE ANTONIO. (S) ARG

DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW, GENERAL DALLA TEA DISCLOSED PLANS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES TO STAGE A COUP D'ETAT DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 17, 1976, AND MARCH 18, 1976, IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW THE INCUMBENT GOVERNMENT. DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW, MOLINA EMPHASIZED THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF A WELL PREPARED PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE U. S. TO COUNTER CERTAIN UNFAVORABLE REACTION TO A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT AGAINST A CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED (S)

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GOVERNMENT. DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW, GENERAL DALLA TEA MADE IT EVIDENT THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES HAD GIVEN VIRTUALLY NO CONSIDERATION TO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF THEIR PLANNED COUP D'ETAT. (S)

AT 12:30 A. M., MARCH 16, 1976, JORGE ANTONIO'S SON, AT WHOSE RESIDENCE THE MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL DALLA TEA WAS CONDUCTED, VISITED MOLINA AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES. JORGE ANTONIO'S SON CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN SENT BY GENERAL DALLA TEA, AFTER THE LATTER HAD PROVIDED MOLINA'S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR A WELL PLANNED PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM TO ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GENERAL RAFAEL VIDELA. GENERAL DALLA TEA ADVISED MOLINA THROUGH JORGE ANTONIO'S SON, (S) THAT GENERAL VIDELA INSTRUCTED HIM TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH RETIRED U. S. ARMY MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL O. GRAHAM, A FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND WHO ALSO HELD AN IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA), WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED MOLINA TO ARGENTINA ON MARCH 12, 1976, BUT HAD SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RELAYED TO MOLINA (S)↓

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BY GENERAL DALLA TEA THROUGH JORGE ANTONIO'S SON, GENERAL VIDELA DESIRES THAT GENERAL DALLA TEA CONTACT GENERAL GRAHAM, IF NECESSARY IN A THIRD COUNTRY, IN ORDER TO EXPLORE IN DETAIL THE GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES PROJECTED COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. MOLINA WAS ADVISED BY JORGE ANTONIO'S SON THAT GENERAL DALLA TEA WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH GENERAL GRAHAM ON MARCH 17 OR MARCH 18, 1976. JORGE ANTONIO'S SON INDICATED TO MOLINA THAT FROM COMMENTS MADE BY GENERAL DALLA TEA, IT APPEARED THAT THE TIME FRAME OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CHANGED FROM MARCH 17-18, 1976, UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.] (S) ↑

MOLINA INTENDS TO CONTACT GENERAL GRAHAM IN WASHINGTON, D. C., TO RELAY GENERAL VIDELA'S ORDERS THAT GENERAL DALLA TEA ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM. (S)

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